

Criteria for Public Health Service Therapist of the Year Award:

1. All criteria should reflect upon the nominee's accomplishments in public health *and in traditional and non-traditional practice roles*. *Officers who are submitting for research recognition are excluded from this award and directed to the Josef Hoog Award criteria.*

Narrative write-up must include the following:

- Description of the nominee's significant contribution to public health.
- Leadership of the nominee in the work being cited (e.g., developing an innovative approach, accomplishments in protecting or improving public health, or initiating significant clinical care activities that have improved outcomes of care.)
- Involvement in public health and/or health-related professional or community organizations or activities addressing the public health.

3. The following criteria will be utilized by the selection committee for the Public Health Service Therapist of the Year Award:

Contributions to the advancement of public health; as demonstrated by presentations to peers and others, development and implementation of public health practices or clinical services that impact the field of public health, offices held in professional organizations, displaying skills and abilities deemed exceptional in assisting others to maximize their outcomes/potential.

Outstanding accomplishments; as demonstrated by description of outcomes from public health practices or advances in public health policy or public health science, or from clinical program interventions. Also demonstrable by letters of appreciation, awards, or developing and/or improving delivery of therapy related services and patient care.

Value to USPHS; as evidenced by demonstrated excellence in public health practices with professional credentials and/or advanced qualifications.

Outstanding leadership; as evidenced by the development of programs or involvement in community organizations or activities.

Instructions for completing the Public Health Service Therapist of the Year Award include the following:

NAME: Individual's full name as it should appear on the award

PHS RANK: Designated Rank; LTJG, LT, LCDR, CDR, CAPT

PROFESSIONAL

DISCIPLINE: Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
Speech/Language Pathology

NOMINATION

CRITERIA: The nominee must be a professional in one of the four disciplines within the Therapist Category of the United States Public Health Service. The criteria are listed above.

PERIOD

COVERED: Dates of service in the Commissioned Corps or Civil Service must be specified.

NARRATIVE: The narrative must include subject matter relevant to the four criteria as described above over the course of the nominee's assigned duty station(s) and/or billet(s), and demonstrate substantial professional impact/results. The narrative must be clearly written, avoiding technical jargon and abbreviations, unless clarifying statements are used. The narrative must include specific examples regarding the four primary criteria as cited above. The narrative must not exceed two single-spaced typed pages.

NOMINATION/

ENDORSEMENTS: The nominator must have at least one endorsement signature certifying that the nomination is a true reflection of the individual's work. An endorsement can be from anyone familiar with the individual's contributions.